

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending. Of those, claims 1-8 and 21-23 are allowed. Claims 9-14 stand rejected under § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner objects to claims 16-19 for allegedly depending from a rejected claim but considers them otherwise allowable. Finally, claims 15 and 20 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Patent Publication No. 2004/0178719 to Sun.

In view of the amendments made herein and the remarks that follow, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejection are requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 9-14 stand rejected under for allegedly lacking support in the specification. Specifically, the Examiner states that the recitation “electromagnetically couple the power supply plane to the display area” lacks support in the specification. The Examiner agrees that there is support for “electrical connection” of the power supply plane to the display area.

Electric charges create magnetic field. One of ordinary skill in the art would readily agree that any electrical coupling would have certain electromagnetic properties. As such, the terms “electrical coupling” and “electromagnetic coupling” are often used interchangeably. Consequently, the disclosure’s support for “electrical coupling” extends to “electromagnetic coupling.”

Notwithstanding, and in order to expedite prosecution, Applicant has amended claim 9 to recite “the power supply plane provides even distribution of power to the display area through one or more via interconnects which *electrically* couple the power supply plane to the display area.”

Independent claim 9, and claims depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

Anticipation Rejection

Claims 15 and 20 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Sun. The Examiner cites to Fig. 2 of Sun and states that because the plurality of power transistors are evenly distributed on the display, the power supply plane provides an even distribution of the active display area. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the grounds of the rejection.

Independent claim 15 recites that the power supply plane provides even distribution of power “to the active display area through at least one or more via interconnections.” Sun fails to disclose or suggest at least this recitation because while Fig. 2 of Sun shows power supply line 104 providing power to the drain region of thin film transistor (“TFT”) 205, there is no disclosure or suggestion that *all* of the active display area receives an even power distribution.

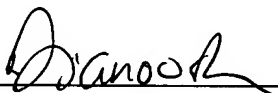
However, to expedite prosecution, claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the recitation of allowable claim 16. Claims 15 and 20 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any issue relating to this application.

While an extension of time is not deemed necessary, the Office is requested and hereby authorized to charge the appropriate extension-of-time fees needed to maintain the application pending against Deposit Account No. 04-1679 to Duane Morris LLP.

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